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1. When Field Marshall Von Paulus arrived in Berlin from the Soviet Union, he was received immediately by Interior Minister Willi Stoph with full military honors. Other generals who had been POWs with him and who had founded with him the "Bund Deutscher Offiziere" were there to meet him. It is presumed that Paulus will replace Hoffmann as head of the three services, but no definite confirmation of this has yet been heard.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Fleissner, formerly commanding officer of the driving school in Halle, has been promoted to full colonel, due to his energetic actions on 17 June in Halle. It is probable that he will become chief of the Verwaltung Quartiernutzung (Billeting Administration), at present headed by Johannes Rochlitzer. Originally, Minister Stoph's brother Arthur Steph. was supposed to fill this post.

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